

# B.C.'S PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP MODEL

B.C. offers the most extensive list of mandated materials for recycling in North America. Guided by the Province of B.C.'s Recycling Regulation, our industry-led programs increase access, improve recycling rates, divert materials from landfill, and educate British Columbians to support a circular economy.

Extended producer responsibility has existed in British Columbia for **25 years**



## ABOUT BC RECYCLES

The Stewardship Agencies of British Columbia (SABC) are an informal alliance of industry product stewardship organizations. SABC works with government, service providers and other stakeholders to ensure B.C.'s extended producer responsibility model is successful and cost effective.

# WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

# THE IMPACT OF BC RECYCLES

Every year, product stewardship programs in B.C. recover approximately

# 400 MILLION

## KILOGRAMS OF MATERIALS

and either recycle them or turn them into valuable new materials

### Over....

**1 billion** beverage containers

**7.3 million** light bulbs

**6 million** used oil filters

**3.3 million** tires

**96,000** smoke/co alarms

**94,000** major appliances

**52,600** cell phones

**5,500** thermostats

**180 million kg** of packaging & paper

**63 million litres** of used oil & antifreeze

**21 million kg** of beer containers & packaging

**16.8 million kg** of electronics

**5 million kg** of small appliances

**3 million litres** of paint

**630,000 kg** of consumer batteries

**86,000 kg** of medicines

### COLLECTED FOR RECYCLING EACH YEAR

**176 communities**

participating in curbside and multi-family packaging and paper collection programs

**Over 99%**

of British Columbians have convenient access to one or more recycling programs

